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1. Ethnic antagonism is nearly non-existent among the village population in the various Yugoslav republics. However, this feeling is stronger among the population of the cities, especially among officials and employees serving in administrative and economic enterprises. Ethnic antagonism in this field is currently much stronger than it was before the war. In addition to the old antagonism existing between various ethnic groups, the present animosities have an economic basis; namely, the republics are fighting with each other with varying degrees of success, for the allocation of credits from the Federal Government for construction of industry and other public institutions in their respective territories. 25X1
2. The animosity of Serbs and Croats is directed against the Republic of Slovenia because, since the liberation of the country and under the protection of Franc Leskosek, Edvard Kardelj and Boris Kidric, that republic obtained large credits from the Federal Government for the development of its industry. As a result, Slovenia is presently a self-supporting republic and its population has the highest standard of living in Yugoslavia. In addition, the above-mentioned Slovenian leaders maneuvered so well that all key posts in the federation administration responsible for the country's economy were given to the Slovenians. 25X1
3. Voja Lekovic, member of the Executive Council, PR Serbia, made several energetic protests against the allocation of credits for the electrification of Slovenia while that republic was exporting power abroad. He also protested against the electrification of Bosnia and Montenegro, as these republics do not have consumers, while Serbia could not obtain adequate credits for the construction of power plants needed for their industry. While speaking about his unsuccessful intervention Lekovic expressed his contempt for the Slovenes. 25X1

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4. Nearly all the Hungarian minority in Yugoslavia is against the Tito regime and Yugoslavia. This minority is estimated to be about 400,000 persons, of whom approximately 15,000 live in Belgrade.

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